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News Release

BLM to burn slash piles on Independence Mountain

Walden, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Kremmling Field Office will burn slash piles the next two weeks, beginning Wed., Oct. 26, if weather conditions are favorable. The slash piles are on Independence Mountain ten miles northwest of Walden, on BLM managed land; six miles west of Colorado State Highway 125 and two miles north of Jackson County Road 6W.

BLM Fuels Specialist, Kevin Thompson said, “Snow is in the forecast and that’s one of the criteria to conduct pile burning. We wait for safe and effective conditions, and snow on the ground assists to keep fire from spreading beyond the piles.”

Smoke may be visible from Walden and Cowdry. Fire personnel will be working off Jackson County Roads 7B, 35, and 35B.

The 500 lodgepole pine slash piles are the result of thinning and hazardous tree removal along BLM and county roads. Burning the slash piles will remove flammable debris and lower the risk of intense, large wildfires. An approved burn plan is in place with smoke permits from the State of Colorado.

Please contact Kevin Thompson at 970-724-3033 for more information.

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